## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE JOINT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS,

CHAPTER 295-2, EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL DATES
RULE 295-2-.05 LICENSES EXPIRING JANUARY 31 – EVEN YEARS.
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Joint Secretary, proposes amendments to the Rules of the Joint Secretary, State Examining Boards, Chapter 295-2, Expiration and Renewal Dates (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 295-2-.05. The Joint Secretary voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing on August 31, 2011.

The proposed rule amendment deletes reference to nursing home administrators as their expiration date is provided for by another rule.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendment and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendment, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Professional Licensing Board's web page at http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/default.htm . Copies may also be requested by contacting the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. on October 4, 2011 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business (5:30 p.m.) on September 27, 2011. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-207-1363

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Division Director at her meeting on October 4, 2011 scheduled to begin at 9:05 a.m. at the office of the

Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Division Director has the authority to adopt the proposed rule amendments pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4.

The Division Director will consider at this meeting on October 4, 2011 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4.

Additionally, at this meeting on October 4, 2011, the Division Director considered whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Division Director considered whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the fields regulated.

For further information, contact the Professional Licensing Board office at 478-207-1300.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011.

Lisa W. Durden Division Director Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: August 31, 2011

## SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS RULE 295-2-.05 Licenses Expiring January 31—Even Years.

<u>Purpose</u>: To delete the reference to nursing home administrators as this license type's expiration period is covered in 295-2-.04.

**Main Features:** Removing reference to nursing home administrators.

## DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE JOINT SECRETARY, STATE EXAMINING BOARDS RULE 295-2-.05 Licenses Expiring January 31—Even Years.

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

295-2-.05 Licenses Expiring January 31—Even Years.

The following licenses expire on January 31 in even numbered years:

- (a) Nursing Home Administrators
- (b) (a) Registered Professional Nurses whose licenses were issued on or before May 31, 2004 and whose license number ends in an even number.
- (c) (b) Registered Professional Nurses whose licenses were issued on or after June 1, 2004 of an even numbered year.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §43-1-4